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SPECIAL FINAL FUN-PACKED ISSUE!

Hi, Faithful and Loyal Readers

As you may already know, this is the last copy of Mike magazine. Dr Charlie and I are going off on an exciting trip around the World to leave nothing undiscovered – it could take forever!!!***

Alfie, Mike's Dad, will be able to fulfill his lifelong ambition – to sit in his armchair, listening to music by his favourite group, The Jellyville Pit Silver Band and snoozzzzzzzze!!!!

Mr Blirriant intends to lead as much as possible so that he can be blighter and blighter. He is going to rie on his favoulite beach in Hong Kong and dream of becoming 'World Champion Kalate Expert'.

RR Wolf is going off in search of an acquaintance called RR Hood – who, it is said, has a rather large basket full of food. We think he'll be surprised by the "reception".

Au Revoir, Everyone!

Bye, folks

EVEN MORE JOKES, MORE PUZZLES MORE LETTERS!

MIKE in:

FORGERIES!

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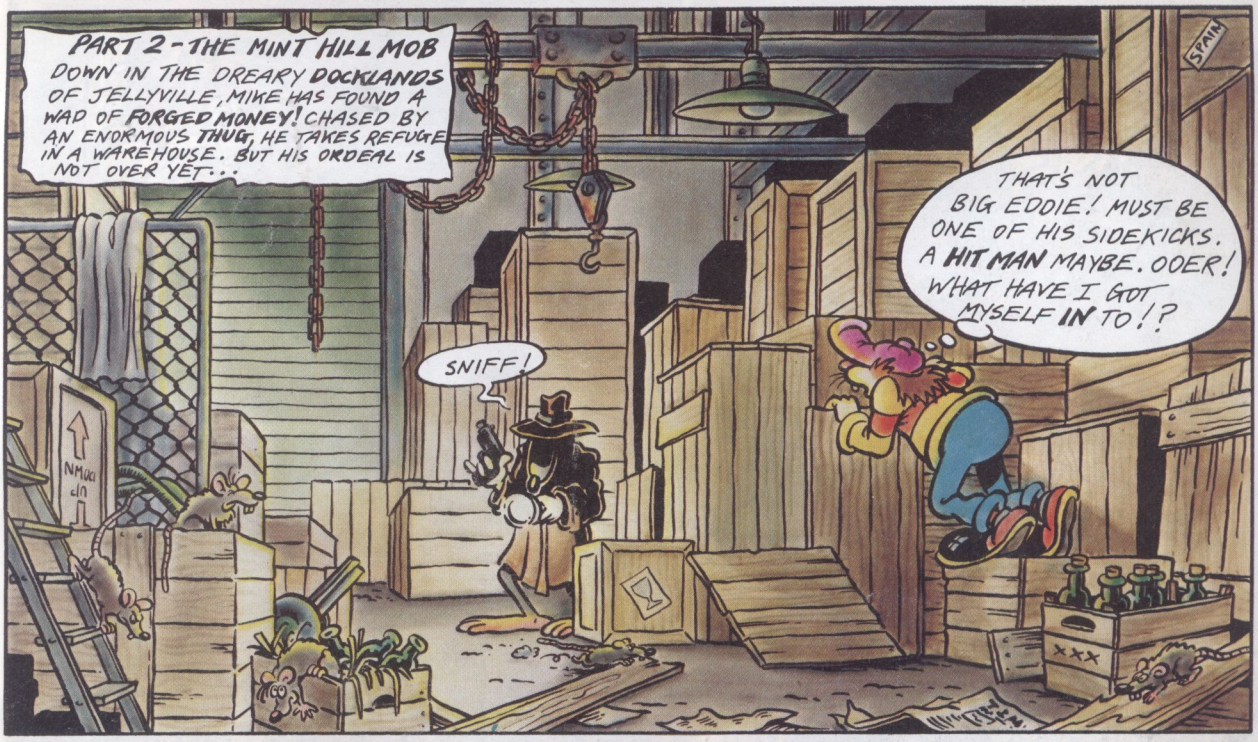
PART 2 - THE MINT HILL MOB
DOWN IN THE DREARY DOCKLANDS OF JELLYVILLE, MIKE HAS FOUND A WAD OF FORGED MONEY! CHASED BY AN ENORMOUS THUG, HE TAKES REFUGE IN A WAREHOUSE. BUT HIS ORDEAL IS NOT OVER YET...
SPAIN
SNIFF!
THAT'S NOT BIG EDDIE! MUST BE ONE OF HIS SIDEKICKS. A HIT MAN MAYBE. OOER! WHAT HAVE I GOT MYSELF IN TO!?
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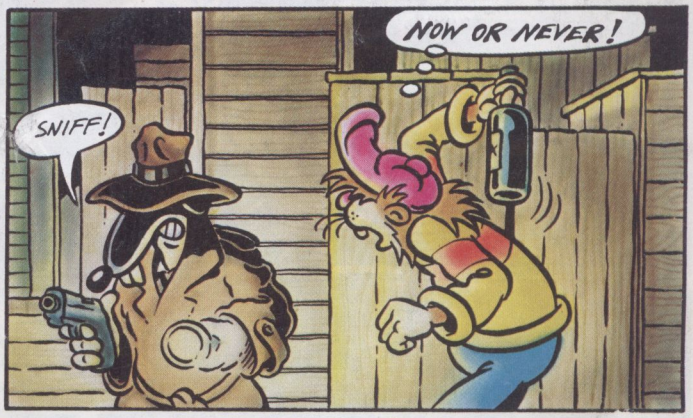

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ER..H..HELLO! ARE YOU THERE?
ANOTHER ONE! THIS MUST BE THE HEADQUARTERS!
TCH-TCH-TCH!
REACH, WISE GUY! DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE!
M-MIKE! WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING HERE?
DR. CHARLIE SNARK! THANK GOODNESS! I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GANGSTER!
DO I LOOK LIKE ONE?
AND STOP POINTING THAT GUN AT ME! I'M ALLERGIC TO THEM!

SORRY, CHARLIE! BUT HOW WAS I MEANT TO KNOW IT WAS YOU IF YOU GO ROUND DRESSED UP AS SOMETHING OUT OF A GANGSTER MOVIE?
!
URR! MY HEAD! WHAT HIT ME?
HOW D'YOU FEEL SHEERLUCK?
SHEERLUCK? SHEERLUCK HOLMES, THE DETECTIVE?
WHOOPS! I'VE REALLY PUT MY FOOT IN IT!
URGH!
ER... SORRY MR HOLMES. DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOU!
MIKE HAMSTER! I'VE HEARD OF YOU, OF COURSE... NO, NO, JOLLY GOOD SHOT... BUT I MUST SAY, THIS CASE IS A REAL HEADACHE!
NO, NO, DON'T SAY THAT! WE'RE ON THE VERGE OF A BREAKTHROUGH! THIS MUST BE THE MINT HILL MOB'S HIDEOUT!
THE MINT HILL MOB?

YES, DR. SNARK IS AN EXPERT ON COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY! AND HE'S HELPING ME SNIFF OUT THIS GANG OF EVIL CRIMINALS!
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THEN TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, SHEERLUCK!
AS I THOUGHT! THE SERIAL NUMBERS ARE IDENTICAL!!
WHERE DID YOU GET THESE?
SNIFF!
I FOUND THEM! THEN BIG EDDIE CHASED ME, AND TRIED TO TAKE THEM AND...
SHH! SOMEONE'S COMING!
WHO!?
!
QUICK! HIDE!!
BACK HERE!

WE HATE TO BE BROKE ♫ US VILLAINOUS FOLK! ♪
THE MINT HILL MOB
QUIET!
THAT'S THEM!
I HATE AMATEURS!
WE DON'T WANT A CHAUFFEUR WITH A GOLD PLATED BROLLY ♫ ♪ WE DON'T WANT A CASTLE OR A CAKE! WE JUST WANT A HUNDREDWEIGHT OF LUVERLY LOLLY – AND A LOAD OF SOMEBODY'S JEWELS TO TAKE! ♪ WE WAS BROKE FOR SO LONG THAT IT WASN'T EVEN FUNNY – BUT NOW WE ARE ROLLING IN LOVERLY MONEY – OI!
MINT HILL MOB
NOW WHERE HAVE I SEEN THEM BEFORE?
SSSHH!
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING! THAT WAS MIKE! HE CAN'T KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT!

THE SECRET HIDEOUT!
C'MON, SLEAZE AND FILTH! LET'S COUNT OUR LOLLY!
YEAH BOSS!
FOLLOW ME! WE'VE GOT THEM TRAPPED!
HERE'S THE PLAN: DOCTOR SNARK, YOU KEEP 'EM COVERED WHILE MIKE AND I GET THE POLICE!
EASY!
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ER.. B-B-BUT.. THEY'RE DESPARATE CRIMINALS, WITH- WHO KNOWS?- BOMBS... AND KNIVES... AND I.. I SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN MY GUN! MAYBE YOU TWO COULD KEEP EM COVERED WHILE I ...
NO PROBLEM, DOC! IT'S ALL YOURS!
ENOUGH SAID !!!

HA!HI-HI!HO-HO!

DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

Hello for the very last time, from me, Dr. Charlie Snark, your hero of the hilarious, master of the mirthful, and general genius. This issue as in all others we have compiled a veritable BONANZA BANQUET of laughs from all over the place. And I hope you will find them as hilarious as Mike, who is sitting in the corner chewing the carpet and making noises like a distressed cat.

(I am laughing, Charlie. These jokes are very funny. Signed, Mike)

Kindly leave the page, uncouth hamster. As I was saying, your jokes are brilliant, though of course I do not understand many of them. I did hear a good one the other day, though:

Fred: My dog's got no nose
Alf: How does he smell?
Fred: Terrible!

(That joke is so old it was found in the tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamen, and he didn't laugh at it either. Signed, Mike)

As I was about to say, of course we are awarding the usual prizes for the worst knock-knock jokes, etc., when we think you deserve them. So farewell, loyal readers, and good luck, from me and all my assistants.

Dr Charlie Snark

Dear Mike,
How do you spell empty horse in 4 letters?
M.T.G.G.!!!

Where do frogs keep their savings?
In the River Bank!

Why couldn't the bicycle stand up?
Because it was tyred!

How do you make Gold Soup?
Put 24 carrots in it!
Gary Tyman, 122 George Street, Shaw, Oldham. OL2 8DR

Dear Mike,
Newton heard a sort of plonk –
An apple fell on his conk,
Discovering gravitation law,
Shook old Isaac to the core.

There was once a young man from Crewe,
Who wanted to build a canoe,
He got to the river,
And found with a shiver,
He hadn't used waterproof glue.

TEACHER: Can you spell your name backwards, Simon?
SIMON: NO MIS!
Zaheer Saddique, 49 Birch Grove, Slough, Berks. SL2 1EP

Dear Mike,
Two fellas were in the airing cupboard.
Which one was in the army?
The one sitting on the tank!

A man was standing in the road spreading green powder. He was causing a traffic jam. After a while a policeman came along and asked what the man was doing. The man replied, "I am spreading anti-camel powder". The policeman said, "But, there are no camels here!". The man replied, "Shows how well it works!"
Rachael Marsh, Oronsay, Great Urswick, Ulverston, Cumbria. LA12 0SS

Dear Mike,
What kind of robbery sounds easiest?
A safe robbery!
Christopher Alban, Arosfa, 25 Bryngwyn Road, Dafen, Llanelli.

Dear Mike,
Man – Doctor, doctor, I think I'm going blind.
Person behind counter – You are, this is a fish and chip shop!
Timothy Swarbrooke, 21 Wordsworth Road, Loughborough. LE11 0LG

Dear Mike,
Patient: Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a snooker ball!
Doctor: Get to the end of the "cue"!

What do you call a man wearing two rain coats?
MAX!!
Nicola Cupit (12), 10 Tiye Acres, Lower Pilsley, Nr. Chesterfield

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Dear Mike,
Dentist: I'll have to charge you £40 for removing that tooth!
Patient: But you said it would only be £10!
Dentist: Yes, but you yelled so much you scared off three other patients!
Matthew Walton (11), 55 Danby Drive, Rawnsley, Cannock. WS12 5PF

Dear Mike,
When does Monday come before Sunday?
In a dictionary!

How do you keep a fool busy all afternoon?
You write P.T.O. on both sides of the paper!
Avrehem & Gine Guttesen, 15 Tewkesbury Drive, Prestwich, Manchester. M25 8HR

Dear Mike,
What dance do ducks prefer?
The quack step!
J. Smith, Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

Dear Mike,
What's grey, has four legs and weighs one and a half tons?
A fat mouse!

Knock knock,
Who's there?
Orson!
Orson who?
Orse and cart!

Dear Mike,
What's yellow and writes?
A ball point chicken!

What's yellow and falls off walls?
Humpty Chicken!

Why are chickens yellow?
So you can tell them apart from grapes!
Jennifer Cahill (7), 12 St. Peters Crescent, Addingham, Ilkley.

Dear Mike,
What looks like half a loaf of bread?
The other half!

MAN: Waiter, can I have some horrible greasy chips and an underdone egg?
WAITER: We couldn't give you anything like that!
MAN: Well, that's what you gave me yesterday!
Angela Dewhurst, 29 Mount Pleasant, Adlington, Nr. Chorley. Lancs

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Dear Mike,
Have you heard the joke about the bed?
I haven't made it yet!
Damien Gee (14), 35 Hampshire Road, Dartington, Manchester. M31

Dear Mike,
What has 5 fingers but no hand?
An empty glove!
Israa & Eddy Mozen, 44 Buckingham Road West, Heaton Moor, Stockport. SK4 4BA

Dear Mike,
Why is an old car like a baby?
Because it never goes anywhere without a rattle!
Helen, 7 Angle Terrace, Rosehill, Wallsend. NE28 7BQ

Dear Mike,
Teacher: Why didn't you look for your homework Jimmy?
Jimmy: I was afraid!
Teacher: Afraid of what?
Jimmy: Afraid I might find it Sir!

How did the cook get an electric shock?
She stood on a bun and a current went up her leg!

Sally: Mum can I have some custard?
Mum: One lump or two!

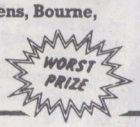
Jane: Are slugs nice dad?
Dad: Don't be so disgusting at the dinner table.

AFTER DINNER

Dad: What did you say about slugs?
Jane: You had one in your salad, but it's gone now!

The boy said to his teacher, "I was at the zoo in the holidays".
The teacher said, "So was I!". To which the boy said, "I didn't see you, which cage were you in?"

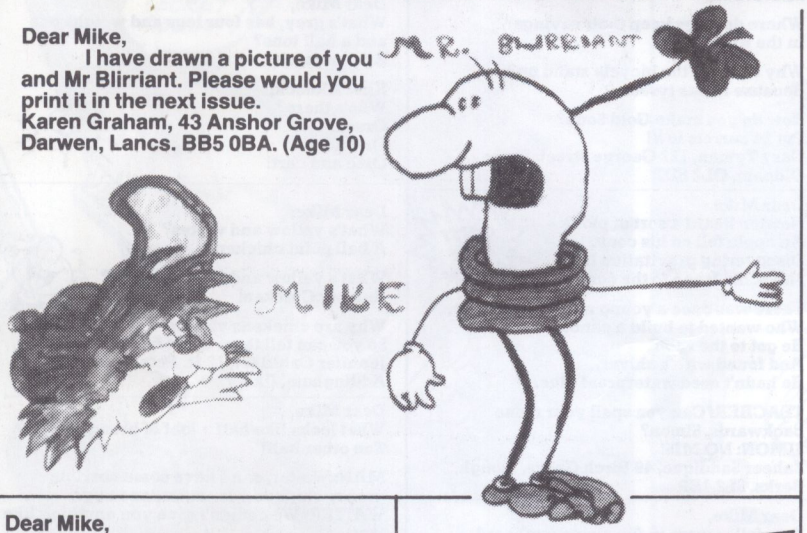
My dog and I have just gone for a tramp in the woods. My dog enjoyed it but the tramp wasn't too keen!!!
Victoria Burt, 21 Edwin Gardens, Bourne, Lincs. PE10 9QN



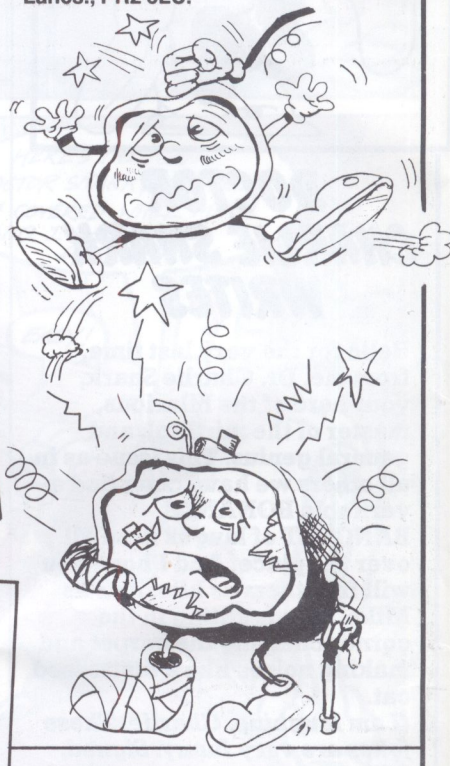
Special Arty Crafty Spot

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR ARTISTIC READERS

Dear Mike,
I have drawn a picture of you and Mr Blirriant. Please would you print it in the next issue.
Karen Graham, 43 Anshor Grove, Darwen, Lancs. BB5 0BA. (Age 10)



Dear Mike,
I have drawn two pictures of Mr Blirriant's alarm clock. I hope you can publish them in your magazine.
P.S. Your magazine is fantastic
from
Lesley Ann Stafford (12),
36 Moorside Ave, Ribbleton, Preston, Lancs., PR2 6LU.



Dear Mike,
I hope you like my drawing and maybe you can include it in your next MIKE magazine.
Thank you
Katy Eccles, age 12,
5 Sycamore Gr.,
Baxenden,
Nr. Accrington,
Lancashire, BB5 2PS.

Dear Mike,
I love your mag! It's cool! I bet you are wondering how I get MIKE in America. Well, my Grandmother sends me it, she lives in Ipswich. Well I just wanted to say your magazine is cool, awesome, mad and crazy. Your Number 1.
Darah Race. (AMERICA)

Dear Mike,
I have drawn some pictures that I hope you will display in your comic.
Yours
Stewart Holt, age 11,
8 Springfield Close, Darfield, Near Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S73 9LE.

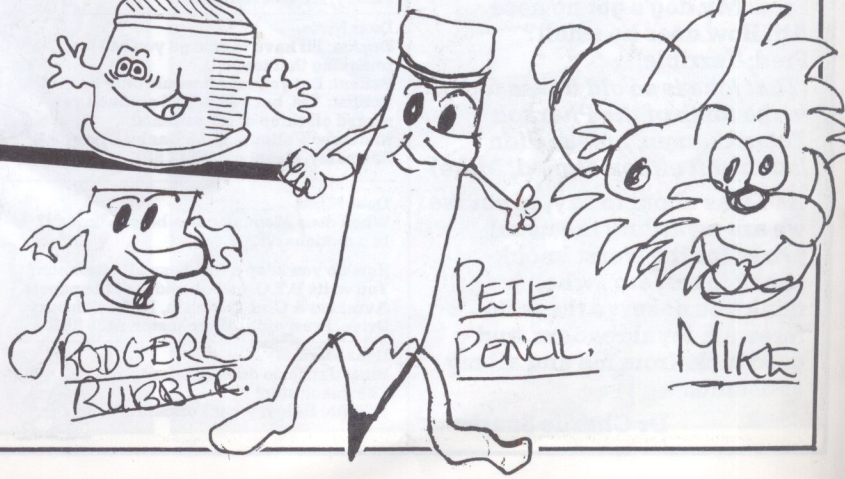
Dear Mike,
I am sending you a picture of you and your friends. Please can you print it in your next edition of Mike. I think Mike is brilliant, goodbye.
From Shalini Francis, age 11,
38 Faulkner Street, St Ebbes, Oxford, OX1 1UX, England.

Dear Mike,
PUPIL: I've added these figures ten times, Sir.
TEACHER: Good boy!
PUPIL: And here are the ten answers!
Azra Bibi (9), 11 Marlborough Road, Newport, Gwent. NP9 0BX

Dear Mike,
What exams do farmers take?
HAY LEVELS!
Claire Hutchinson, 10 Florence Rise, Darfield.

Dear Mike,
How do you make an apple puff?
Chase him round the garden!
Deborah Swallow (12), 21 Hillcrest Avenue, Featherstone.

Dear Mike,
What do you get if you cross a pigeon with a general?
A military cooooo!!
David Carne, 5 Hanover Gardens, Salford. M7 0FQ

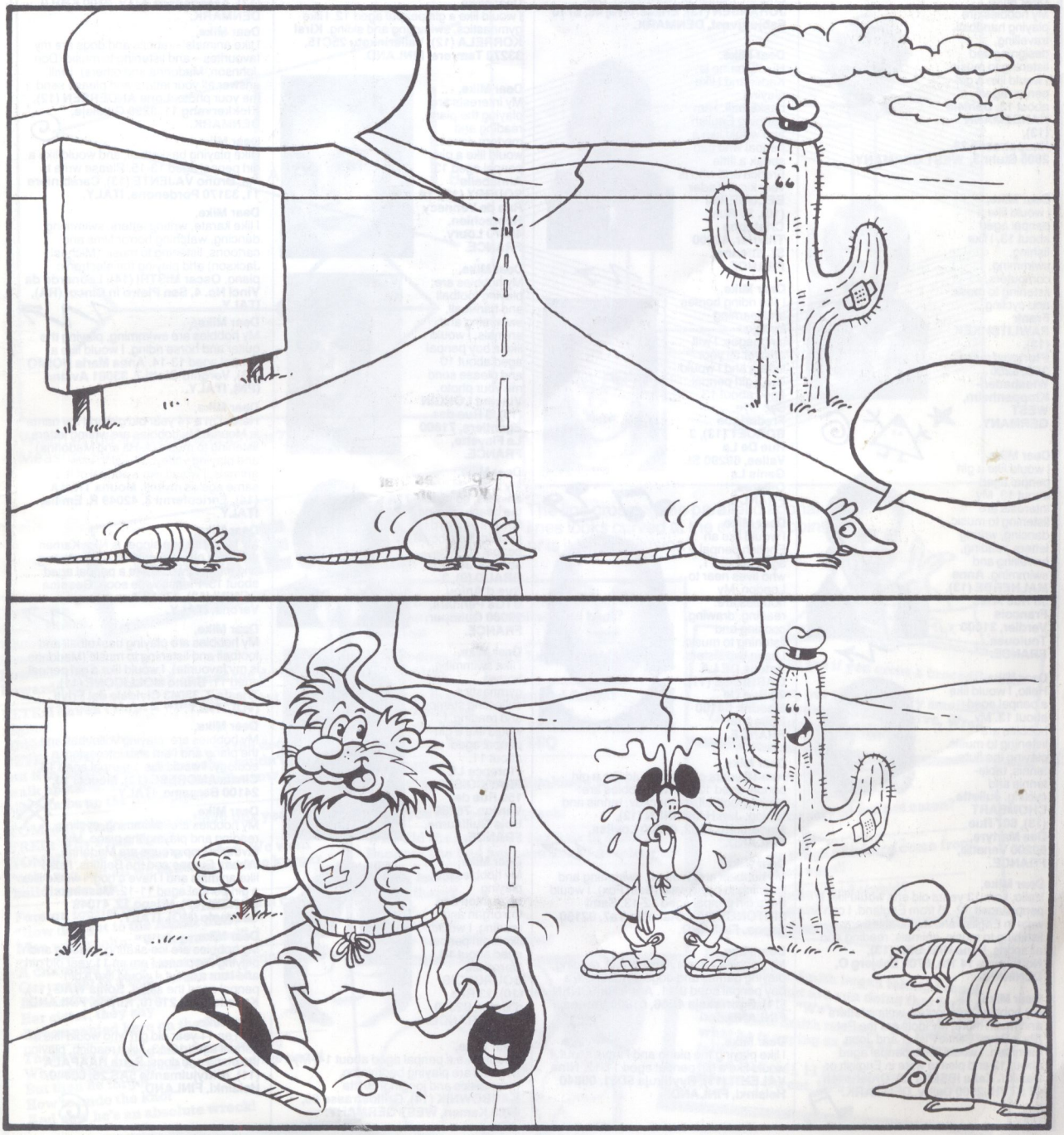


BECOME A CARTOON STRIP WRITER

Here's your last chance to write the words for a REAL comic strip! Fill the bubbles with a story of your own, and sent it to MIKE! There are special prizes for the best three entries!

Name _____

Age _____ **Address** _____



Mike's Pick-a-Pen-Pal Spot

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are listening to music, swimming and animals. I would like a girl penpal aged about 15. **Claudia MUES (15), Pieperstrasse 11, 4835 Rietberg 3, WEST GERMANY.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing handball, travelling, designing and listening to music. I would like a girl penpal aged about 13. **Daniela HANSEMANN (13), Haupstrasse 28, 2805 Stuhr 3, WEST GERMANY.**

Dear Mike,
I would like a penpal aged about 13. I like fishing, swimming, computers, listening to music and cycling. **Frank PAWLITSHKEK (13), Pfortenstrasse 25B, 6200 Wiesbaden-Kloppenheim, WEST GERMANY.**

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl penpal aged about 13. My interests are listening to music, dancing, writing letters, reading, travelling and swimming. **Anne MALHERBE (13), 38 Rue Alles Francois Verdier, 31000 Toulouse, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
Hello, I would like a penpal aged about 13. My hobbies are listening to music, playing the flute, tennis, table-tennis and cycling. **Juliette CHOMBART (13), 607 Rue Des Martyrs, 60200 Venette, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
Hello, I am 13 years old and would like a penpal aged 12-15 from England. I can write in English and my hobbies are: listening to music, animals, reading and all sports. **Irene NIELSEN (13), Novrupves 14 1th, 6705 Esbjerg O, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are: horses, writing letters and much more. My idols are the Pet Shop Boys, Climie Fisher and John Farnham. I would like a penpal aged about 12 and please write in English or Danish. **Katja IBSEN (12), Druehaven 47 STTH, 2500 Daiby, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
Hello, I'm a 12 year old girl who would like to write with an English girl the same age. My hobbies are: handball, swimming, seeing my friends, listening to music (Madonna and A-Ha) and many other things. "WRITE SOON". **Line Louise LARSEN (12), Belvederevej 13a, 3000 Helsingor, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
Hello everybody! I am a 13 year old girl from Denmark. My name is Dia. I would like to write with girl or boy aged about the same. I like playing handball and listening to music. Please write in English, Danish or Norwegian. **Dia JOHANSEN (13), Eriksensvej 48, 6710 Esbjergvest, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
Hi, my name is Kader and I like playing basketball. I am learning English and would like a penpal who can speak a little French and who is very kind. **Kader BELGUERMI (10), 28 Rue Cristophe Thivrier, 42000 St. Etienne, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
I like riding horses and learning foreign languages. I will answer all your letters and I would like a girl penpal aged about 13. Bye-Bye. **Frederique BORDET (13), 3 Rue De La Vallee, 69290 St. Genis Ls Ollieres, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
I would like an English penpal aged about 11, who lives near to London. My hobbies are: reading, drawing, cooking and listening to music. I have two sisters. **Estelle DE LA GARRIGUE (11), 26 Rue De Masure, 64100 Bayenne, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
I am 12 years old and would like a girl penpal aged 12-13. My hobbies are: playing football, ice-hockey, tennis and fishing. **Jari HAKKINEN (12), Mariankatu 3162, 07900 Lovlisa, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are: football, swimming and listening to pop music (Sam Fox). I would like a girl penpal aged 12-13. **Sami SINTONEN (12), Otakallio Ya7, 02150 Espoo, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing football, reading, playing games and dogs. I would like a boy penpal aged 9-11. **Anne RIIKONEN (11), Pgorrekaja 4E66, 01600 Vantaa, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
I like playing the piano and I am a scout. I would like a girl penpal aged 11-12. **Nina VALENTI (11), Ryytikuja 5D31, 00840 Helsinki, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are: sport, computers, writing letters, reading, drawing and listening to music (all disco music). I would like a girl penpal aged 12-13. **Raine MAATTANEN (12), ET. Liipolankatu 14D48, 15500 Lahti, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are: skiing, reading, swimming, dancing and listening to music (A-Ha, Madonna, Sabrina . . .). I would like a penpal aged 14-15. **Tanja MOILANEN (14), Mailatie 12, 88300 Paltamo, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl penpal aged 12. I like gymnastics, swimming and skiing. **Kirsi KORRELA (12), Vallerinkatu 25C15, 33270 Tamrere, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
My interests are: playing the piano, reading and modern dance. I would like a girl penpal aged 13. **Annabelle SOUBRY (13), 14 Rue de Vennecy Rebrechien, 45470 Loury, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are: playing football and handball, swimming and animals. I would like a boy penpal aged about 10 and please send me your photo. **Vincent LONGIN (10), 3 Rue des Egantiers, 71800 La Flayette, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
My interests are animals, going to the beach, picking flowers and birds. I would like a boy penpal aged about 9. **Joanna BRAUD (9), 3 Rue d'Anjou BTG8 Penhars, 29000 Quimper, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
I like swimming, horses, gymnastics, collecting stamps and reading. I would like a girl penpal aged about 11. **Florence LE FRANCOIS (11), 159 Rue de Verdun, 76230 Bois Guillaume, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are: playing badminton and the organ and reading. I would like a girl penpal aged about 10. **Dorothee BOURGEOIS (10), 13 Rue d'Enfer, 02000 Laon, FRANCE.**

Dear Mike,
I would like a penpal aged about 14. My hobbies are playing badminton, gymnastics and jogging. **Britta KARBOWNIK (14), Grillostrasse 66, 4708 Kamen, WEST GERMANY.**

Dear Mike,
Hello, I'm a Danish girl aged 10. I'm looking for a girl penpal of my own age. My hobbies are riding horses and playing the piano and flute. Write soon and enclose a photo. **Lise HEDEGAARD (10), Ravnsbjergvej 29, 8800 Viborg, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
I am 13 years old and I would like a penpal aged 12-14. I like pop and rock music. My hobbies are: playing football, basketball and much more. I also like Depeche Mode and Don Johnson. Please write in English. **Susi FRITHJOF (13), Assensgade 3IITV, 2100 KBH 0, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
I like animals – rabbits and dogs are my favourites – and listening to music (Don Johnson, Madonna and others). I will answer all your letters and please send me your photo. **Lone ANDERSEN (12), Klokkervang 11, 3250 Gilleleje, DENMARK.**

Dear Mike,
I like playing basketball, and would like a girl penpal aged 13-15. Please write to me. **Bruno VAJENTE (13), Carabiniere 11, 33170 Pordenone, ITALY.**

Dear Mike,
I like karate, writing letters, swimming, dancing, watching horror films and cartoons, listening to music (Michael Jackson) and playing the electronic piano. **Oscar MISTRI (14), Leonardo da Vinci No. 4, San Pietro in Cincol (RA), ITALY.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are swimming, playing the guitar and horse riding. I would like a penpal aged 13-14. **Anna Maria DOIMO (13), Vergilio Giotti 7, 33081 Aviano (PN), ITALY.**

Dear Mike,
Hello, I'm a 14 year old girl and my name is Mouna. My hobbies are writing letters, listening to music (A-Ha and Madonna) and playing volleyball. I also love animals. I would like a penpal of the same age as myself. **Mouna TRIMA (14), Enricofermi 3, 42049 R. Emilia, ITALY.**

Dear Mike,
My favourite pop singer is Nick Kamen and I like playing football, roller skating, and tennis. I would like a penpal aged about 13. Please write soon. **Gessica BONINI (13), 37012 Bussolengo, Verona, ITALY.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing basketball and football and listening to music (Madonna is my favourite). I would like a girl penpal aged 11. **Bruno MOLLICONE (11), Trieste 3, 33043 Cividale del Frivli (VD), ITALY.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are: playing volleyball and the piano and I am also interested in ecology. I would like a penpal aged 13. **Cinzia AMORESE (13), Meucci 10, 24100 Bergamo, ITALY.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are: swimming, cycling, reading and playing the piano. My favourite pop groups are Madonna, Wham, Europe and the Beatles. I also like animals and I have a dog. I would like a girl penpal aged 11-12. **Massimo MANZIN (11), Milano 12, 41049 Sassuolo (MO), ITALY.**

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are ice-skating, reading and playing the piano. I am an 11 year old girl and I am a scout. I would like a girl penpal aged the same. **Sonja WAG (11), Kapellstrand 21610, Kirjala, FINLAND.**

Dear Mike,
I am an 11 year old girl who would like a penpal aged 10-13. I like reading, playing the piano and dogs. **Petra HAAPALA (11), Niittyjulmantie 5AS.26, 00440 Helsinki, FINLAND.**

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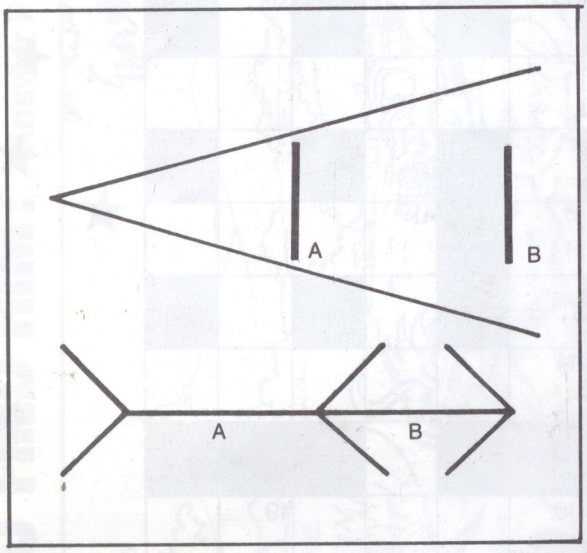
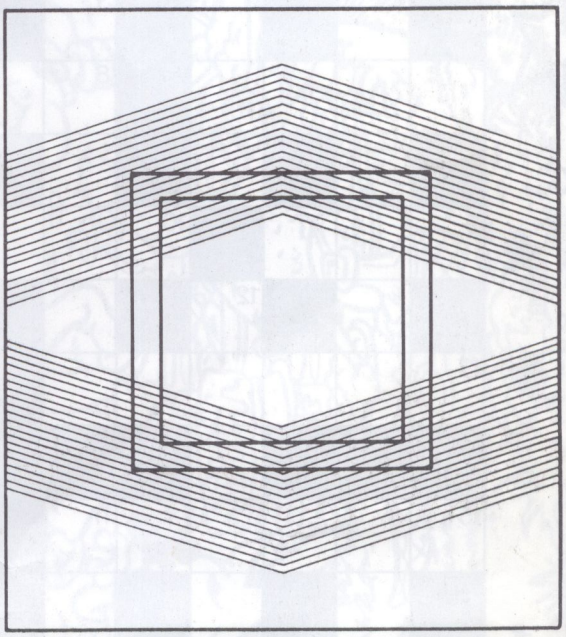
RAVENOUS RODNEY'S RIDDLES!!

This month Rodney continues his journey into the world of mystery and imagination. Try solving these puzzles.



Which of the lines A or B is longer? Measure them to find out.



The line crossing the parallel diagonal lines looks curved at the crossing point – or is it just an illusion?

MORE JOKES

Dear Mike,
Knock knock,
Who's there?
Howard
Howard who?
Howard I know, I haven't opened the door!

PETE: I haven't slept a wink for the past two nights!
JIMMY: Why's that?
PETE: Granny broke her leg and the doctor put it in plaster and told her she couldn't walk upstairs. You should hear the row when she climbs up the drainpipe!

TOMMY: I had a rotten holiday this year!
FRED: Why's that then?
TOMMY: The weather was lousy. We went to the zoo, but all we saw was the zoo keeper building an ark!

Foreign tourist (to a man with a violin case): "How do I get to the Albert Hall?"
Man with violin: "With practice!"

A charming young sister called Hannah,
Got caught in a flood in Savannah,
As she floated away,
Her sister, they say
Accompanied here on the Piannah!

There was a young man from Quebec
Who wrapped both his legs round his neck!
But then he forgot
How to undo the knot
And now he's an absolute wreck!

Dear Mike,
What animals do vampires like best?
Giraffes!

Where does a vampire have a bath?
In a bat tub!

Who has feathers, wings and fangs?
Count Duckula!
Samantha Mitchell (9), 24 Albany Road, Blackburn, Lancs. BB2 6EQ

Dear Mike,
Doctor! Doctor! I keep thinking I'm a soft drink.
I told you not to play squash!

Why did the lady have her hair in a bun?
Because she had her nose in a cheeseburger!

Knock knock
Who's there?
Europe
Europe who?
Europe early this morning!

What do you get if you cross a crocodile with a rose?
I don't know, but I wouldn't try smelling it.
Corinne Boardman, 5 Elms Drive, Wrea Green, Preston. PR1 2NR

Dear Mike,
What can be served but not eaten?
TENNIS!

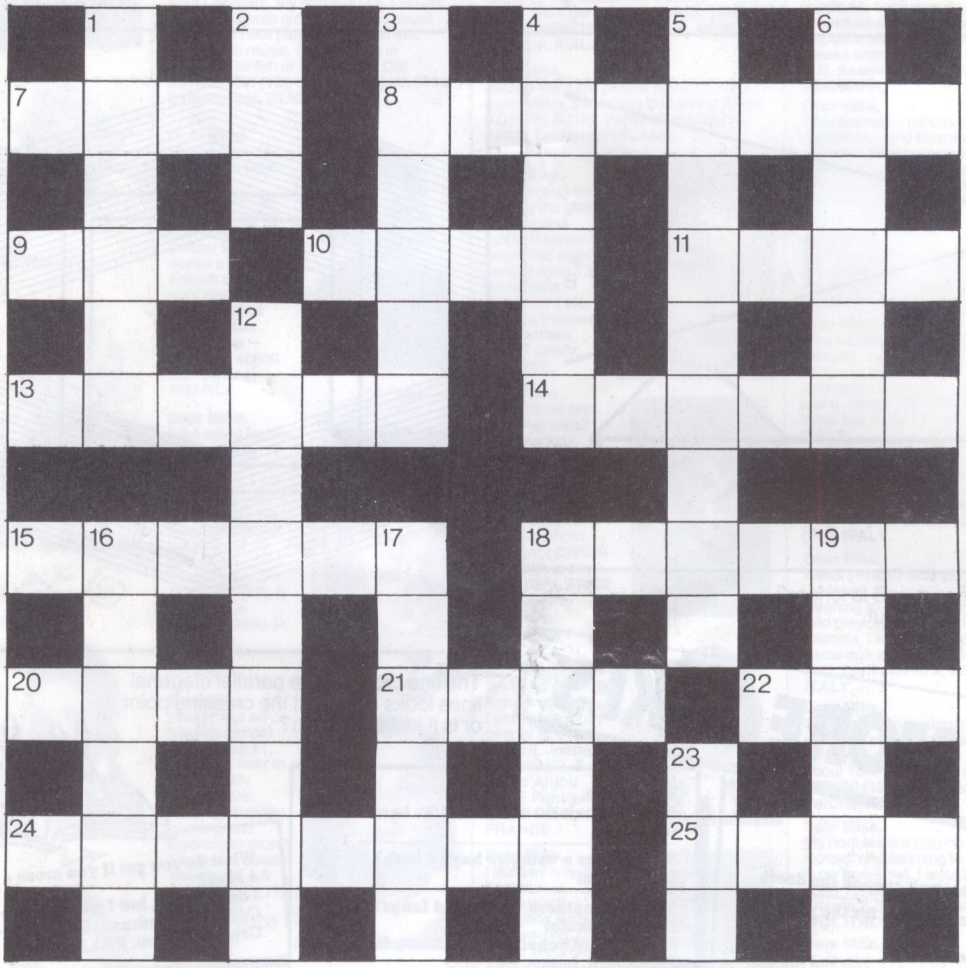
Where do tough chickens come from?
Hard boiled eggs!!

What is yellow and stupid?
Thick custard!

Dear Mike,
Mr. and Mrs. Smith began taking French lessons. "What are you doing that for?" a friend asked. "We've just adopted a French baby" Mrs. Smith replied. "We want to know what he is saying as soon as he learns to talk!"
Sijjad Dad (11), 11 Marlborough Road, Newport, Gwent. NP9 0BX

Blirriant's PLIZE CLOSSWORD

As usual there's an amazing prize for the first three correct solutions opened. Good luck folks for Blirriant's very last Plize Clossword!



DOWN

1 Opposite to sweet (6)
2 Exclamation of triumph, or pop group (3)
3 Man absorbs fluid (6)
4 Apple, lion, tiger: Apple is the — — out (3,3)
5 Fantasy – what comes to the minds of plumbers while they sleep? (4,5)
6 "— my timbers," said Long John Silver (6)
12 A reporter is this – and so is insect bite cream (2,3,4)
16 Hard green fruits (6)
17 Done again (6)
18 Best or thinnest (6)
19 Country name for small common blue and yellow bird (3,3)
23 Donkey or idiot (3)

ACROSS

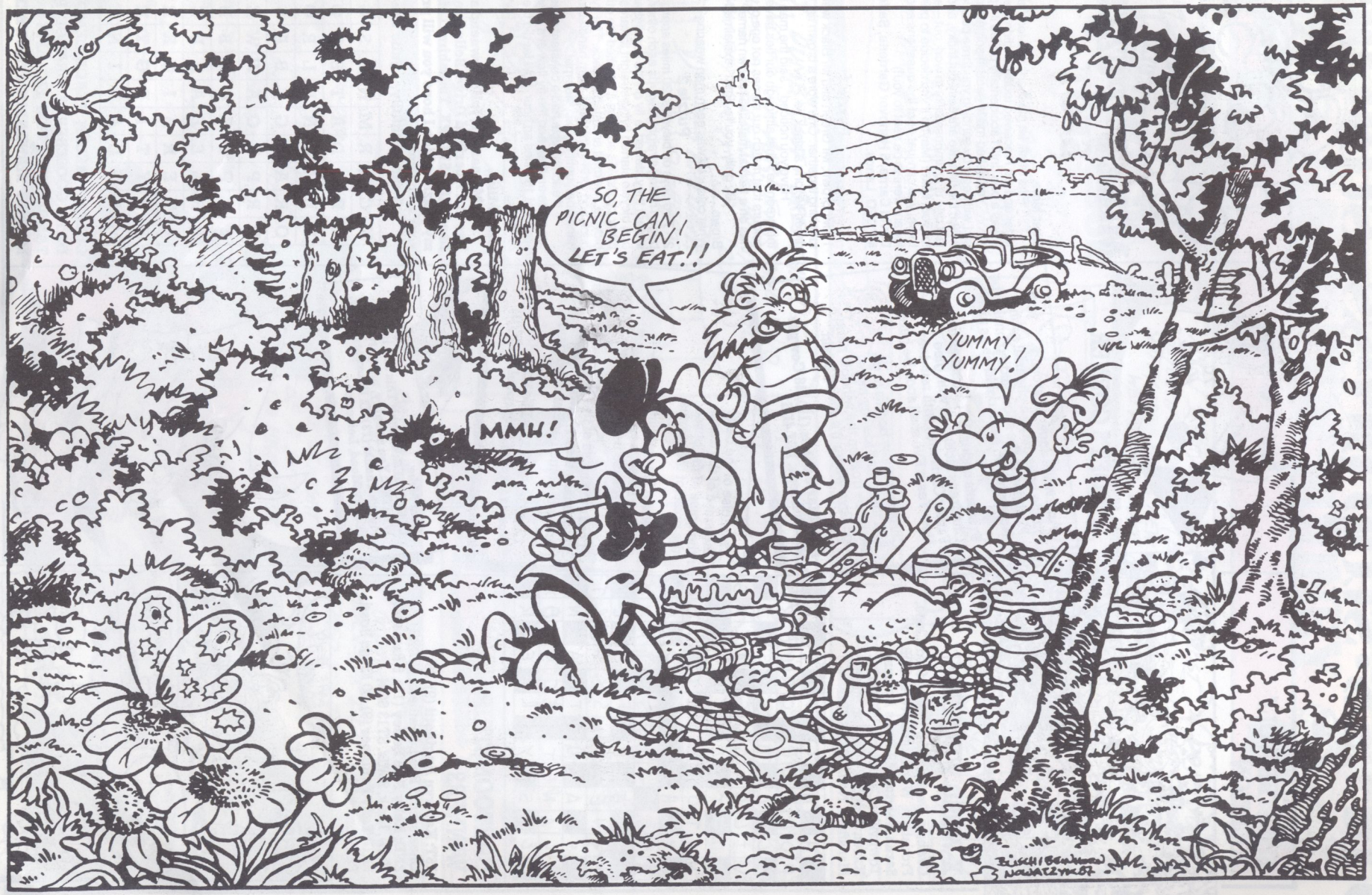
7 Member of finny tribe (4)
8 Stop at this in traffic (3,5)
9 Over the top (3)
10 "Once more — the breach, dear friends!" (Shakespeare) (4)
11 Overhanging edge of roof (4)
13 Makes marks on paper with etched plate (6)
14 Mistakes (6)
15 Get clothes clean with this (6)
18 Banquets (6)
20 Man's ancestors – peas (anag) (4)
21 Dip in metal, or French tooth (4)
22 Abbreviated umpire (3)
24 Female heroes (8)
25 Slow bowlers make the ball break with this (4)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

WHERE IS RODNEY? CAN YOU FIND HIM?

Answer P.16.



SPOT THE WOLF SOLUTION

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Karen Sleigh, 24 Carlton Street, Mansfield, Notts. NG18 2BG

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3RD: Tony Faulkner (9), 30 Kings Road, Farncombe.

POET'S CORNER

Pure white snow all around
Jingle bells make a cheerful sound
Plodging in the snow sliding on the ice
Now what on earth could be as nice.

Presents under the Christmas tree
Childrens faces red with glee
Father Christmas with reindeer
New Years Eve shall soon be here.

Christmas snow begins to go
And there isn't ice any more
No more frost on the window pane
Goodbye winter it's spring again.

Jane Marie Gibbs (11), 46 Cowper Street, Leeds. LS7 4DS

The noise of the cars,
the noise of the trains,
the noise of the buses,
the noise of the planes.

Oh when I'm sleeping in bed,
I hear a noise, a scream –
when I realise it was just a bad dream.

I hear the noise of the birds in the trees,
then finally they fly away,
and will come back another day.

Carl Doyle (13), 97 Scarisbrick Road, Norris Green, Liverpool. L11 7BJ

Dear Mike,
CUSTOMER: Waiter! This fish is bad!
WAITER: You naughty, naughty fish!
Piyush Thanki (13), 12 Uttoxeter Close, Rushey Mead, Leicester.

MIKE'S PUZZLE SPOT

Dear Mike,
First of all, let me thank you for the nice letter and gift I received today – I didn't realise it was a pen until I accidentally pulled it open!
You asked me to send in some puzzles, so I will begin by sending you three puzzles of which the first two are easy but tricky, and the last one is an impossibility to work out – even for you, Mike! (Maybe if you decide to print them, you can just print the questions and ask for answers to be sent to you!)
David Carne, 5 Hanover Gardens, Salford M7 0FQ, Lancs.

Puzzle 1

1) Mr Brown, Mr Green and Mr Black were lunching together. One wore a brown tie, one a green tie, one a black tie.
"Have you noticed", said the man with the green tie, "that although our ties have colours that match our names not one of us has on a tie that matches his own name?"
"By golly, you're right!" exclaimed Mr Brown.
What colour tie was each man wearing?

Puzzle 2

2) Two boys on bicycles, 20 miles apart, began racing straight towards each other. The instant they started, a fly on the handlebar of one bicycle started flying straight towards the other cyclist. As soon as it reached the other bicycle, it turned and started back. The fly flew back and forth in this way, from handlebar to handlebar, until the bicycles met.
If each bicycle had a constant speed of ten miles an hour and the fly flew at a constant speed of 15 miles an hour, how far did the fly fly?

Dear Mike,
My name is Julie Townend and I live at 2 Aberfield Drive, Belle Isle, Leeds 10, LS10 3PX, Yorkshire. This is my puzzle which I hope you will print in your magazine.
Yours faithfully, Julie Townend

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S	Y	P	E	A	C	H	B	B	R
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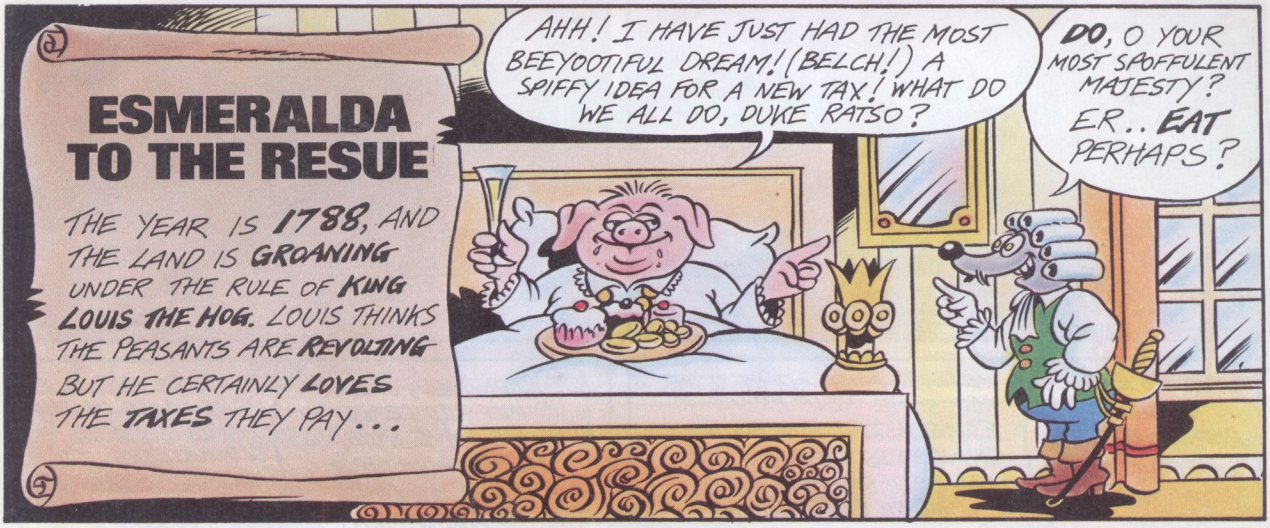
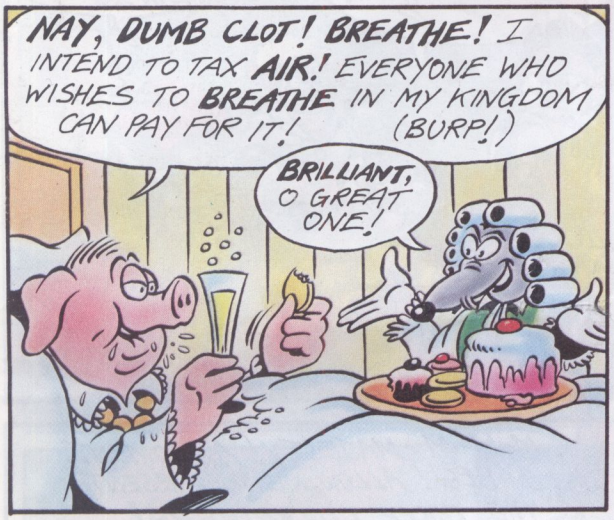
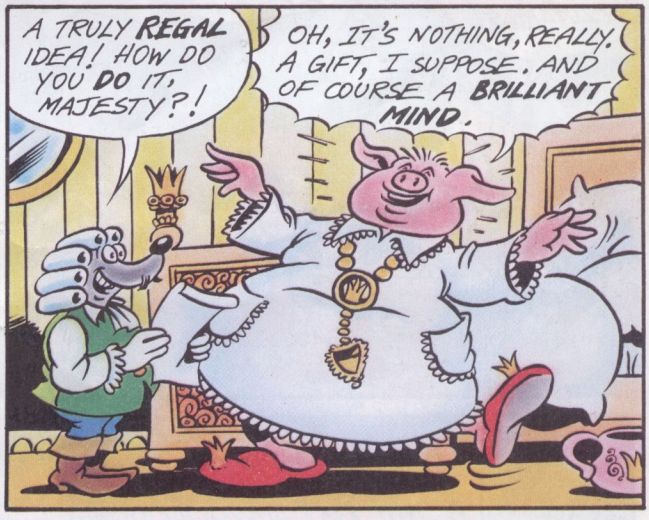
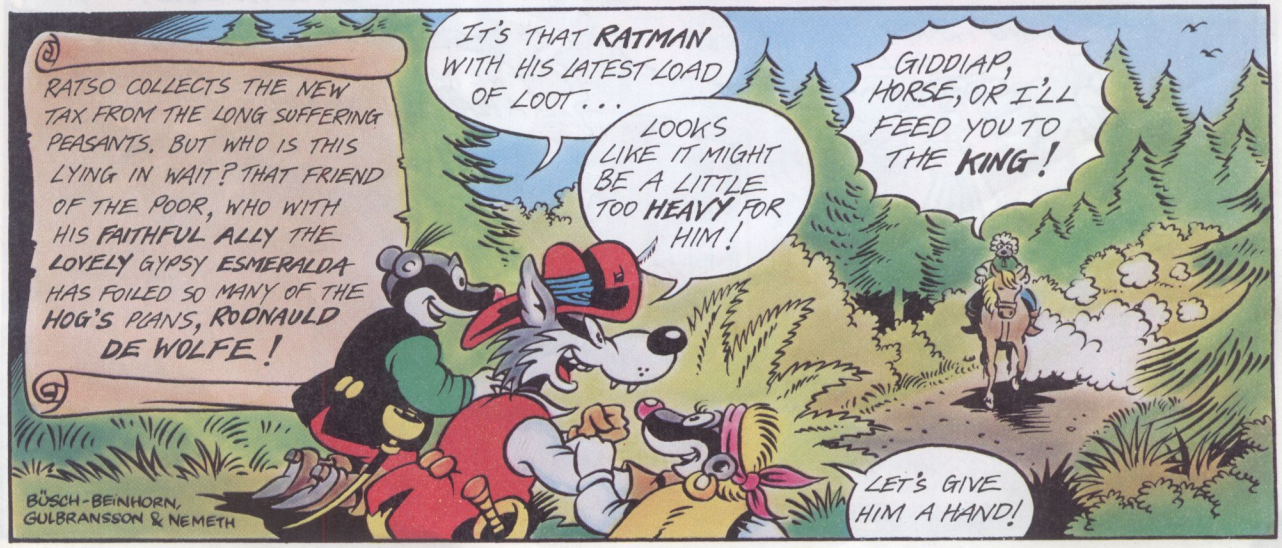
CHERRY MELON PEACH LEMON DATE GOOSEBERRY ORANGE PEAR TANGERINE PLUM FIG APPLE MANGO MANDARIN STRAWBERRY

RAVENOUS RODNEY


ESMERALDA TO THE RESUE
THE YEAR IS 1788, AND THE LAND IS GROANING UNDER THE RULE OF KING LOUIS THE HOG. LOUIS THINKS THE PEASANTS ARE REVOLTING BUT HE CERTAINLY LOVES THE TAXES THEY PAY...
AHH! I HAVE JUST HAD THE MOST BEEYOOTIFUL DREAM! (BELCH!) A SPIFFY IDEA FOR A NEW TAX! WHAT DO WE ALL DO, DUKE RATSO?
DO, O YOUR MOST SPOFFULENT MAJESTY? ER.. EAT PERHAPS?


NAY, DUMB CLOT! BREATHE! I INTEND TO TAX AIR! EVERYONE WHO WISHES TO BREATHE IN MY KINGDOM CAN PAY FOR IT! (BURP!)
BRILLIANT, O GREAT ONE!




RATSO COLLECTS THE NEW TAX FROM THE LONG SUFFERING PEASANTS. BUT WHO IS THIS LYING IN WAIT? THAT FRIEND OF THE POOR, WHO WITH HIS FAITHFUL ALLY THE LOVELY GYPSY ESMERALDA HAS FOILED SO MANY OF THE HOG'S PLANS, RODNAULD DE WOLFE!
IT'S THAT RATMAN WITH HIS LATEST LOAD OF LOOT...
LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOO HEAVY FOR HIM!
GIDDIAP, HORSE, OR I'LL FEED YOU TO THE KING!
LET'S GIVE HIM A HAND!
BÖSCH-BEINHORN, GULBRANSSON & NEMETH

WELL WHAT HAVE WE HERE? IT'S THE KING'S LITTLE TAX RAT! WHAT HAS IT GOT IN IT'S SADDLEBAGS, I WONDER!
ER.. THAT'S MY PACKED LUNCH...
YOU WON'T MIND SHARING IT WITH A FEW FRIENDS WILL YOU?
SOON..
THEY TOOK MY MONEY! THEY TOOK MY CLOTHES! THEY'LL PAY FOR THIS!
WE COLLECT TAX COLLECTORS, WE ATTACK WHEN THEY DON'T EXPECT US! WE TAKE BACK ALL THE TAX, AND THE SHIRTS OFF THEIR BACKS!
WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU, RODNAULD? YOU'VE SAVED US AGAIN FROM THE HOG'S GREEDY CLUTCHES!
WELL, I MUST ADMIT I'VE HAD SOME HELP FROM ESMERALDA! BUT HIS ROYAL SWINENESS WILL NOT BE PLEASED! HE WONT REST 'TILL WE'RE CAPTURED!
BUT RODNAULD, UNDER YOUR INSPIRED LEADERSHIP WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM SUCH POLTROONS AS LOUIS AND HIS HENCHMEN!
PERHAPS NOT, BUT IF HE CALLS IN THE FAMOUS THREE CLUCKATEERS, IT WON'T BE SO EASY... I NEED A GOOD PLAN...
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE PALACE...
INSECT! NINCOMPOOP! BRAIN-LESS RODENT! YOU ALLOWED THIS RODNAULD TO WALK OFF WITH THE BREATH TAX? STAND BY TO ROT IN THE DEEPEST DUNGEON, AND THEN TO SWING FROM MY GHASTLIEST GALLOWS!
M-M-M-MAJESTY! A MOMENT, I BEG! ALLOW ME TO PRESENT THE THREE CLUCKATEERS!
WE HAVE A PLAN...
TO CAPTURE RODNAULD..
AND IT'S ABSOLUTELY FOOLPROOF!
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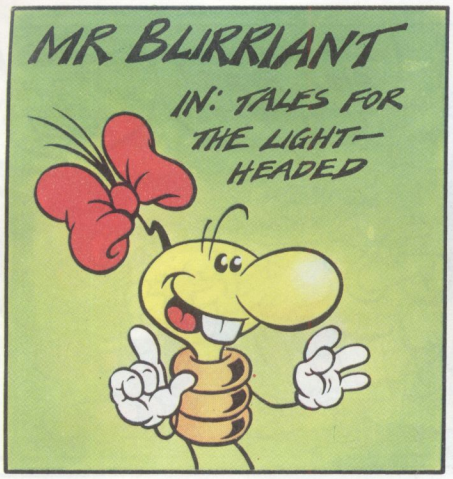
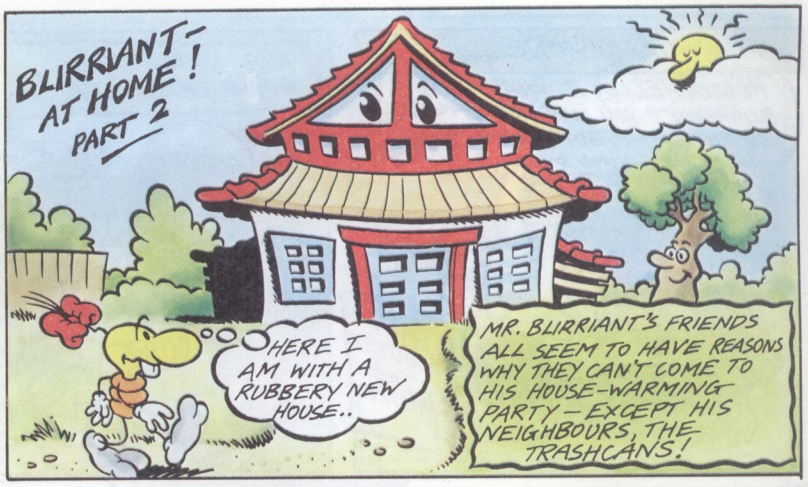
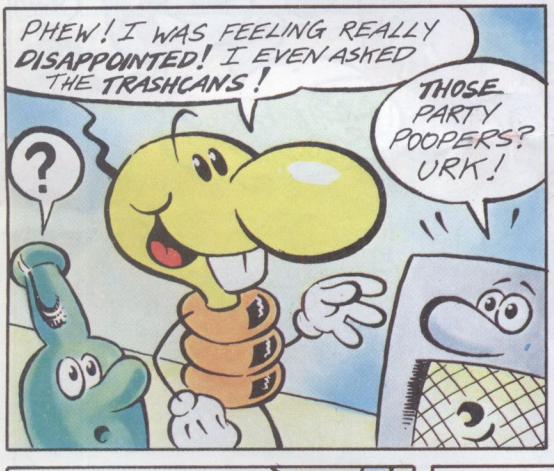
AND SO...
POOR FOOL! HE SUSPECTS NOTHING!
SOON HE WILL BE AT OUR MERCY!
AND THE KING WILL REWARD US HANDSOMELY!
TREES WITH EYES EH? LOOKS LIKE THE TRAP I'VE BEEN EXPECTING...
THE CLUCKATEERS!
WE ARREST YOU IN THE NAME OF THE HOG!!
GERROFF! YOU MIGHT FRIGHTEN YOUR GRANNY WITH THOSE SKEWERS BUT NOT RODNAULD DE WOLFE!!
SPLONG
ALL TREES! ATTACK!!
...AND IN NO TIME AT ALL...
SO THE GREAT RODNAULD WALKS STRAIGHT INTO OUR TRAP!
HE'S NOT SO SMART!
HEE HEE!
GRR!

CASTLE HOGG IS THE MOST DREADED JAIL IN THE LAND! ONCE YOU'RE IN, THE ONLY WAY OUT IS FEET FIRST!
WE'LL BE OUT OF HERE BEFORE YOUR EVENING CHEESE, RATSO!
I'LL EAT MY HAT IF YOU ARE, SCUM!
HAVE A NICE DAY!
EVERYTHING'S GOING SMOOTHLY, LADS! THE CLUCKATEERS WILL SOON BE BANISHED AND IN DISGRACE!
I DON'T KNOW, RODNAULD! THESE BARS ARE A BIT OF A PROBLEM!
MMM... THERE IS A PROBLEM, BUT IT'S ABOUT HATS, NOT BARS!
GAAH!
"EVERYTHING READY. MY LOYAL BAND OF GYPSIES POISED TO STRIKE WITHIN THE HOUR. SIGNED, ESMERALDA"
BUT HOW DID SHE KNOW WE WERE HERE?
THAT WAS MY EMERGENCY PLAN!
GOOD JOB I CARRY A MIRROR FOR TRIMMING MY WHISKERS!
I GET IT! YOU'RE GOING TO FLASH A MESSAGE BY REFLECTING THE SUN!
BRILLIANT!
YES, I ARRANGED THIS ESCAPE PLAN WITH ESMERALDA!
THERE'S THE SIGNAL! O.K. MY TRUSTY FRIENDS "OPERATION ESCAPE IS UNDER WAY!"
IN NO TIME AT ALL A HEROIC ESMERALDA RESCUES HER BAND OF GYPSIES, LEAVING KING LOUIS THE HOG, TAX RAT AND THE THREE CLUCKATEERS IN DISGRACE!
THE E.N.D.


MR BLIRRIANT
IN: TALES FOR THE LIGHT-HEADED


BLIRRIANT AT HOME! PART 2
HERE I AM WITH A RUBBERY NEW HOUSE..
MR. BLIRRIANT'S FRIENDS ALL SEEM TO HAVE REASONS WHY THEY CAN'T COME TO HIS HOUSE-WARMING PARTY – EXCEPT HIS NEIGHBOURS, THE TRASHCANS!

...AND NOBODY WANTS TO COME TO MY PARTY!
WHA??
SURPRIIISE!!


PHEW! I WAS FEELING REALLY DISAPPOINTED! I EVEN ASKED THE TRASHCANS!
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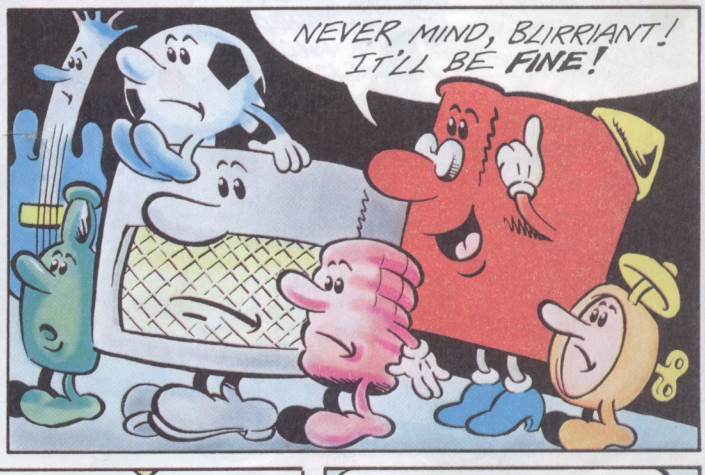
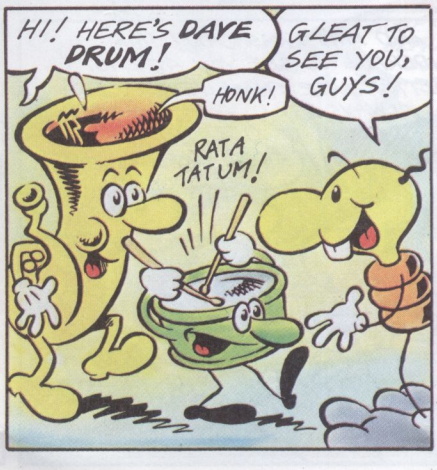
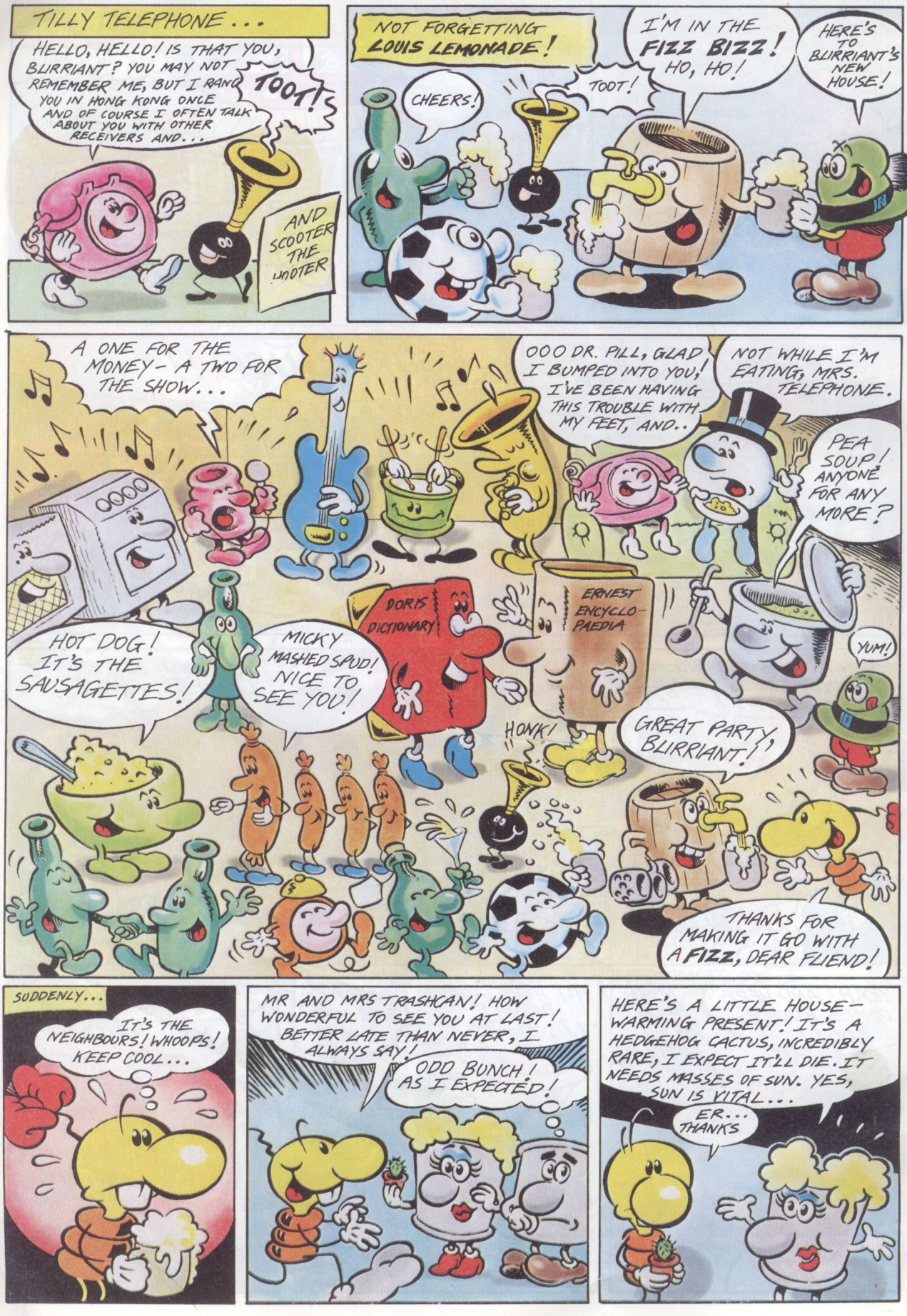
THOSE PARTY POOPERS? URK!

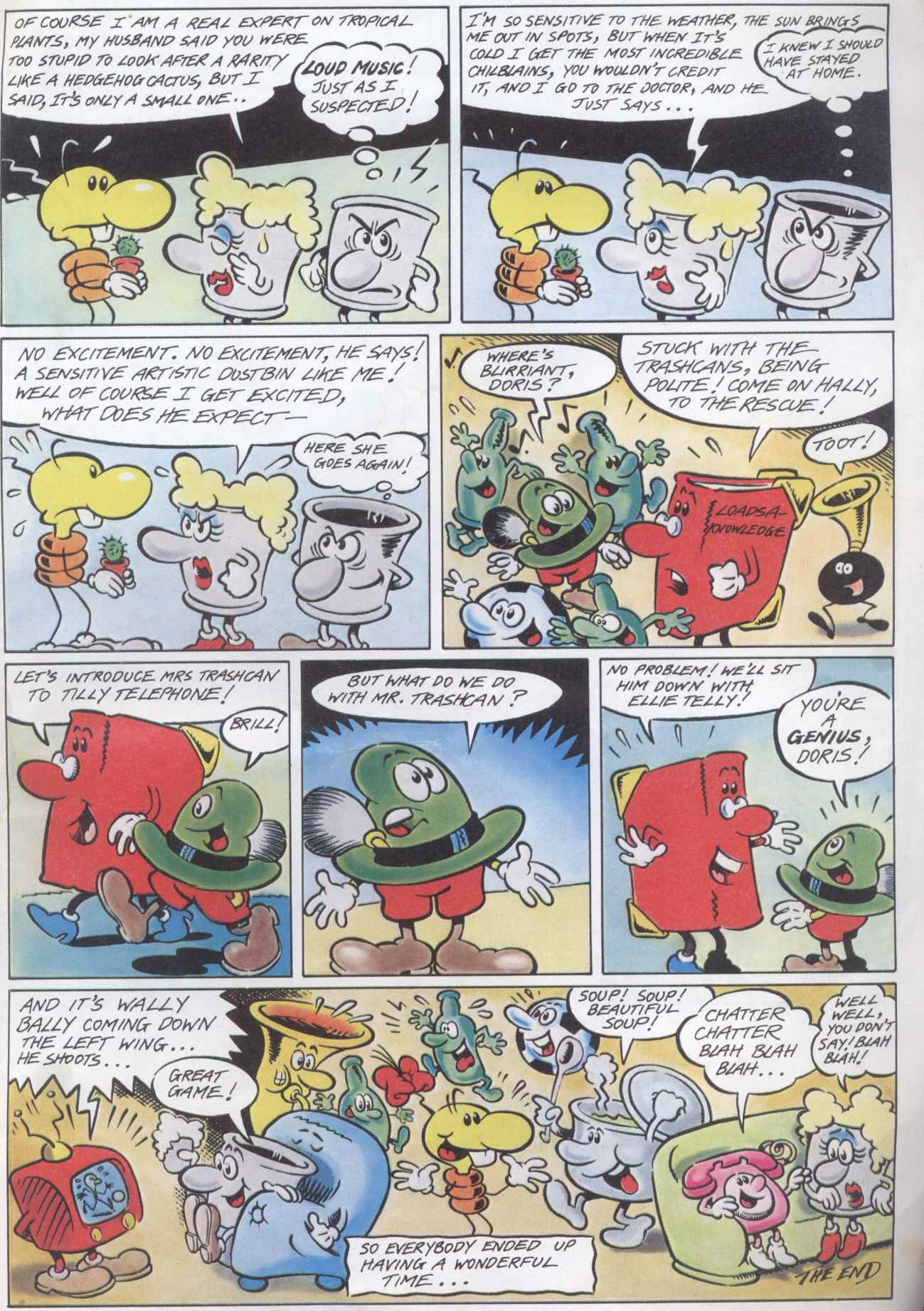

NEVER MIND, BLIRRIANT! IT'LL BE FINE!

YEAH! AND HERE COMES ROCKY ROLL!
AND I'VE BROUGHT THE BAND!


HI! HERE'S DAVE DRUM!
GLEAT TO SEE YOU, GUYS!
HONK!
RATA TATUM!

SID SAUSAGE AND THE SAUSAGETTES!
THAT'S US!
BÜSCH / BEINHORN / KIEFERSAUER '88


TILLY TELEPHONE . . .
HELLO, HELLO! IS THAT YOU, BURRIANT? YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER ME, BUT I RANG YOU IN HONG KONG ONCE AND OF COURSE I OFTEN TALK ABOUT YOU WITH OTHER RECEIVERS AND...
TOOT!
AND SCOOTER THE HOOTER
NOT FORGETTING LOUIS LEMONADE!
CHEERS!
TOOT!
I'M IN THE FIZZ BIZZ! HO, HO!
HERE'S TO BLIRRIANT'S NEW HOUSE!
A ONE FOR THE MONEY - A TWO FOR THE SHOW...
OOO DR. PILL, GLAD I BUMPED INTO YOU! I'VE BEEN HAVING THIS TROUBLE WITH MY FEET, AND..
NOT WHILE I'M EATING, MRS. TELEPHONE.
PEA SOUP! ANYONE FOR ANY MORE?
HOT DOG! IT'S THE SAUSAGETTES!
MICKY MASHED SPUD! NICE TO SEE YOU!
DORIS DICTIONARY
ERNEST ENCYCLO-PAEDIA
HONK!
YUM!
GREAT PARTY, BLIRRIANT!
THANKS FOR MAKING IT GO WITH A FIZZ, DEAR FLIEND!
SUDDENLY...
IT'S THE NEIGHBOURS! WHOOPS! KEEP COOL...
MR AND MRS TRASHCAN! HOW WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU AT LAST! BETTER LATE THAN NEVER, I ALWAYS SAY!
ODD BUNCH! AS I EXPECTED!
HERE'S A LITTLE HOUSE-WARMING PRESENT! IT'S A HEDGEHOG CACTUS, INCREDIBLY RARE, I EXPECT IT'LL DIE. IT NEEDS MASSES OF SUN. YES, SUN IS VITAL...
ER... THANKS


OF COURSE I AM A REAL EXPERT ON TROPICAL PLANTS, MY HUSBAND SAID YOU WERE TOO STUPID TO LOOK AFTER A RARITY LIKE A HEDGEHOG CACTUS, BUT I SAID, IT'S ONLY A SMALL ONE..
LOUD MUSIC! JUST AS I SUSPECTED!
I'M SO SENSITIVE TO THE WEATHER, THE SUN BRINGS ME OUT IN SPOTS, BUT WHEN IT'S COLD I GET THE MOST INCREDIBLE CHILBLAINS, YOU WOULDN'T CREDIT IT, AND I GO TO THE DOCTOR, AND HE JUST SAYS...
I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE STAYED AT HOME.
NO EXCITEMENT. NO EXCITEMENT, HE SAYS! A SENSITIVE ARTISTIC DUSTBIN LIKE ME! WELL OF COURSE I GET EXCITED, WHAT DOES HE EXPECT—
HERE SHE GOES AGAIN!
WHERE'S BLIRRIANT, DORIS?
STUCK WITH THE TRASHCANS, BEING POLITE! COME ON HALLY, TO THE RESCUE!
TOOT!
LOADSA-KNOWLEDGE
LET'S INTRODUCE MRS TRASHCAN TO TILLY TELEPHONE!
BRILL!
BUT WHAT DO WE DO WITH MR. TRASHCAN?
NO PROBLEM! WE'LL SIT HIM DOWN WITH ELLIE TELLY!
YOU'RE A GENIUS, DORIS!
AND IT'S WALLY BALLY COMING DOWN THE LEFT WING... HE SHOOTS...
GREAT GAME!
SOUP! SOUP! BEAUTIFUL SOUP!
CHATTER CHATTER BLAH BLAH BLAH...
WELL WELL, YOU DON'T SAY! BLAH BLAH!
SO EVERYBODY ENDED UP HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME...
THE END

BLIRRIANT'S CARTOON PAGE

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THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY YES